



FEB News & Events

Oregon Federal Executive Board

Partnerships for a More Cost Effective Federal Government

www.oregon.feb.gov



Volume 10-05

July 2005

U.S. Independence Day, July 4th

Independence Day commemorates the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. At the time of the signing, the U.S. consisted of 13 colonies under the rule of England's King George III. There was growing unrest in the colonies concerning the taxes that had to be paid to England. This was commonly referred to as "Taxation without Representation" as the colonists did not have any representation in the English Parliament and had no say in what went on. As the unrest grew, King George sent extra troops to help control any rebellion. In 1774 the 13 colonies sent delegates to Philadelphia to form the First Continental Congress, in an effort to work out their differences with England without formally declaring war.



By June 1776 their efforts had become hopeless, and a committee was formed to compose a formal declaration of independence. Thomas Jefferson was chosen to write the first draft, which was presented to the congress on June 28. After various changes a vote was taken late in the afternoon of July 4th. Of the 13 colonies, nine voted for freedom; two, Pennsylvania and South Carolina, voted No; Delaware was undecided and New York abstained. To make it official John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, signed the Declaration of Independence. It is said that he signed his name "with a great flourish" so "King George can read that without spectacles."

And although the signing of the Declaration was not completed until August, the 4th of July has been accepted as the official anniversary of United States independence. The first Independence Day celebration took place the following year - July 4th, 1777. By the early 1800s the traditions of parades, picnics, and fireworks were established as the way to celebrate America's birthday.

Courtesy of www.holidays.net

In Brief . . .

• Oregon FEB Policy Committee Confirms Direction, Adds Four New Members



(L-R) Bob Graham, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Randy Crockett, Social Security Admin.; Lisa Ofenloch, GSA; Lynda Stelzer, Bonneville Power Admin.; Janice Goodwin, Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Office.

The Oregon Federal Executive Board (OFEB) Policy Committee closed a four-hour meeting on June 28th by welcoming four new members: Mike Ash, Deputy Regional Forester, Forest Service Region 6; Dave Ferguson, Area Port Director, Dept. of Homeland Security, U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Lisa Ofenloch, Southern Service Center Director, General Services Administration; and Edward Perez, Supervisor, Dam Safety Engineering, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission. The Policy Committee is the governing board for the OFEB.

The meeting was held to review the operations of the OFEB, the FY '05 - '07 goals, and to look ahead to the organization's future needs and requirements to meet changing demands.

This includes the implementation of the new Leadership Development and Training Program, which was approved at the Policy Committee meeting in March. The Administrative Services Committee will begin forming a Training Council to advise on the development of the new program.

In addition, the OFEB also announced the upcoming retirements of two current Policy Committee members: Colonel Richard Hobernicht, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland District (July 21) and Captain Paul Jewell, U.S. Coast Guard Marine Safety Office, Group Portland (July 29). The Oregon Federal Executive Board is grateful for their service and wishes them the very best in the next phase of their lives and careers.

- **Leadership Development Opportunities Available through 2005 Combined Federal Campaign**

Planning for the 2005 Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC is under way, as the local Leadership Team has already met twice to establish the direction for the campaign. This year's theme will be: "*The Power of One, the Spirit of Us All.*" To help make the campaign a success, chair Wendy Haney of the Federal Highway Administration and the rest of the Leadership Team are seeking Campaign Associates. These motivated individuals will work with federal agencies throughout the region to ensure that they have the proper tools and support to run their campaigns as efficiently and effectively as possible. Service will be required for a minimum of 10 hours per week from Sept 19 - Nov. 11, plus two training sessions. This is an excellent opportunity for any federal employee interested in moving into greater leadership roles, as organization, time management, public speaking, and problem-solving skills will be sharpened. It's also a great way to learn more about the local federal and non-profit community. For more information, please contact the Oregon FEB at 503-326-3010 or jsargent@pcez.com.

- **2004 CFC Video Wins National Public Affairs Award**

The local video produced for the 2004 Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC was recently recognized with a first place award in a national competition. Titled "Build Your Community," the 10-minute video took first place in audiovisual/special events category of the Veterans Health Administration Excellence in Public Affairs awards. Produced by the Portland Veterans Affairs Medical Center, it featured local charities from around the region explaining how the CFC benefits their organization. Twenty-three judges from the VA, other federal agencies, public relations firms, and news organizations conducted two rounds of evaluation to determine the winners.

Congratulations and thanks to Director Dr. Jim Tuschmidt, Cameraman and Field Supervisor Steve Gosson, Camerawoman Barbara Wells, Writer Patricia Forsyth, on-camera talent Evin Cole, and the entire supporting crew of the VA Medical Center for their outstanding work. The same crew, with Charles Ritter of the VA as the "star," is currently shooting this year's local video. It is expected to be available in late August.

- **The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) National Training Conference**

The Society of American Indian Government Employees (SAIGE) is hosting their Second Annual National Training Conference, **August 15th - 18th**, 2005, in Washington, D.C. The theme for this year's conference is: "Strengthening the Circle: Mind, Body, Spirit, and Community." SAIGE is a national non-profit organization serving the needs of American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) government employees, providing a national forum on the issues, opportunities, and challenges that confront American Indian Tribes, and the federal work community.

Attendees will have the opportunity to participate in sessions focusing on professional and personal development topics, as well as learn of federal initiatives affecting American Indian Tribes and how they can contribute to their effective implementation. Conference highlights include nationally recognized speaker Roger Willie (actor & motivation speaker), cultural presentations, and sessions on: Leadership in Government; EEO; Education, Interior, Agriculture updates; and a "View from the White House." In addition, conference attendees will have a special tour of the new National Museum of American Indian (NMAI). This is also a great chance to network with peers, federal, and private sector leadership.

Registration Cost: \$350 Early Bird special, \$400 after July 15th. Register early; space is limited. For additional conference and registration information visit www.saige.org.

- **Government Real Property Information Sharing (GRPIS) Group Meets July 14**

The General Services Administration (GSA) is hosting the Columbia Gorge chapter of GRPIS, **July 14th**, 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Green-Wyatt Federal Building, 1220 SW 3rd Ave., Room 322 in Portland. All local federal real property professionals, including realty specialists, community planners, facility managers, interior designers, contracting officers, and other interested people are invited. Councils such as these are being formed nationwide in response to the new President's Management Agenda program initiative to improve federal real property asset management. The agenda will include a GSA presentation on real property services and property disposal, and a roundtable discussion. To attend, please contact Gary Jordan, GSA Office of Real Property, at gary.jordan@gsa.gov or 202-501-1219.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July 2005	July 2005 (cont.)
7/6, 2 - 4 pm Shared Neutrals Committee* Location: Robert Duncan Plaza 333 SW 1st Ave., 10th Fl., Portland, OR 97204	7/14, 10 am - 12 pm Oregon Interagency COOP Partnership* Location: Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204
7/12-13, 8:30 am CSRS Retirement & Estate Planning Location: Green-Wyatt Federal Bldg. 1220 SW 3rd Ave., #272, Portland, OR 97204 Cost: \$100 federal, \$40 non-federal spouses. THIS CLASS IS FULL. Contact Mary Cecilian at mcecilia@pcez.com for questions or possible cancellations.	7/22, 1 - 3 pm Willamette Valley Federal Exec. Assoc. Location: To Be Determined
August 2005	
7/14, 10:30 am - 12 pm Minority Business Opportunity* Location: Port of Portland Building 121 NW Everett St., Portland, OR 97209	8/11, 10:30 am - 12 pm Minority Business Opportunity* Location: Port of Portland Building 121 NW Everett St., Portland, OR 97209
	8/12, 10 am - 3 pm Public Affairs Committee* Location: Tours of the 142nd Fighter Wing and National Weather Service.

* Committee activities referenced below

OFEB COMMITTEE CORNERS

Policy Committee The Policy Committee reviewed the OFEB's operations and welcomed four new members (see pg. 1). OFEB staff is revising some committee charters to distribute for approval before the next meeting, which is scheduled for Sept. 15th. Q?: Ron Johnson, 503-326-2060; Jerry Lorang, 503-326-2515	Administrative Services Committee Co-Chairs Lynda Stelzer and Kathy Eaton will lead the establishment of the new OFEB Training Council, the advisory body that will help launch the Leadership Development and Training Program (see pg. 1-2) Q?: Lynda Stelzer, 503-230-4966; Kathy Eaton, 503-808-6092
Combined Federal Campaign The Columbia River/Willamette Valley CFC is forging ahead with development of the 2005 campaign. A theme has been selected: "The Power of One. The Spirit of Us All." Leadership development opportunities are available, and a new local video is also currently in production (see page 2.) Q?: Jeff Sargent, 503-326-3030; Wendy Haney, 360-619-7930	Emergency Preparedness OFEB staff is working on the implementation of the Workplace Safety Preparedness Plan, targeting the launch of a class schedule for the start of the new federal fiscal year, Oct. 2005. The next quarterly Oregon Interagency COOP Partnership (OICP) meeting is July 14th in Portland. Q?: Gail Dreckman, 503-230-3778; Les Miller, 503-808-4400
Minority Business Opportunity MBOC Co-chair Mary Jo Witty retired at the end of May; we thank her for her long-time service and wish her the very best. The MBOC continues to plan for the 2005 MED Week luncheon on Oct. 5th. To nominate a minority business for an award, go to the web site at www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc . Q?: Rhonnda Edmiston, 503-944-7587	Public Affairs The Public Affairs Committee has scheduled tours of two local federal newsmaker agencies for their next quarterly event. A visit to the Oregon Air National Guard 142nd Fighter Wing facility at PDX and the National Weather Service office in NE Portland are planned for Aug. 12th. Q?: Michael Campbell, 503-808-6031
Shared Neutrals/ADR The Shared Neutrals Board has worked with the State of Oregon to pass legislation allowing the state office to become part of the Shared Neutrals program. This will add marvelous additional resources. The program also continues working of a conflict facilitation pilot. Q?: Fran Peterson, 503-819-1087; Tamara Moland, 503-808-6344	Did You Know? The first two versions of the Liberty Bell were defective and had to be melted down and recast. The third version rang every Fourth of July from 1778 to 1835, when, according to tradition, it cracked as it was being tolled for the death of Chief Justice John Marshall. <i>Courtesy of MSN Encarta</i>

OFEB Policy Committee

Chair: **Jerry Lorang**, Veterans Affairs Regional Office
Vice-Chair: **Anne Badgley**, Regional Ecosystems Office

Mike Ash, U.S. Forest Service
Cathy Callahan, National Labor Relations Board
Michael Campbell, Bureau of Land Management
Randy Crockett, Social Security Administration
Gail Dreckman, Bonneville Power Administration
Kathy Eaton, Bureau of Land Management
David Ferguson, DHS, Customs & Border Protection
Janice Goodwin, Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Service

Bob Graham, Natural Resources Conservation Service
Wendy Haney, Federal Highway Administration
Bill McNamee, DHS, Citizenship & Immigration
Les Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Portland Dist.
Lisa Ofenloch, General Services Administration
Edward Perez, Fed. Energy Regulatory Commission
Lynda Stelzer, Bonneville Power Administration
Captain Frank Williams, Indian Health Service

OFEB Committees & Chairs

Administrative Services

Kathy Eaton, Bureau of Land Mgmt., 503-808-6092
Lynda Stelzer, Bonneville Power Adm., 503-230-4966

Combined Federal Campaign

Wendy Haney, Federal Highway Admin., 360-619-7930

Emergency Preparedness

Gail Dreckman, Bonneville Power Adm., 503-230-3778
Les Miller, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 503-808-4400

Minority Business Opportunity Committee

Rhonnda Edmiston, Port of Portland, 503-944-7587

Public Affairs

Michael Campbell, BLM, 503-808-6031

Shared Neutrals/Alternative Dispute Resolution

Fran Petersen, 503-819-1087

Links

Emergency Prep Info - www.prepareoregon.org/oregon.html
Fed Employees Health Benefits - www.opm.gov/insure/health/
Federal Executive Boards - www.feb.gov
Federal Jobs - www.usajobs.opm.gov
Federal Long Term Care Insurance - www.ltcfed.com
Federal Register - www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/
Federal Thrift Savings Plan - www.tsp.gov

Air Force Reserve 939th ARW - www.afrc.af.mil/939ARW
Army Corps of Engineers, NW Div. - www.nwd.usace.army.mil
Army Corps of Engineers, Portland - www.nwp.usace.army.mil
Bonneville Power Administration - www.bpa.gov
Bureau of Land Management - www.or.blm.gov
Bureau of Reclamation - www.usbr.gov/pn
Coast Guard - www.uscg.mil/d13/default.htm
Dept. of Energy, Albany Research - www.alrc.doe.gov
Department of Homeland Security - www.dhs.gov
Dept. of Housing & Urban Dev. - www.hud.gov
Department of Justice - www.usdoj.gov
Department of Veterans Affairs - www.va.gov
Environmental Protection Agency - www.epa.gov/region10
Federal Bureau of Investigation - www.fbi.gov
Federal Energy Regulatory Comm. - www.ferc.fed.us
Fish & Wildlife Service - pacific.fws.gov

Flexible Spending Accounts - www.fsafeds.com/fsafeds/
FirstGov (links to federal agencies) www.firstgov.org
Money Management - www.mymoney.gov
Mt. St. Helens News - vulcan.wr.usgs.gov/Volcanoes/Cascades
Office of Mgmt. & Budget - www.omb.gov
President's Mgmt. Agenda - www.whitehouse.gov/results/agenda
SBA's SCORE Program - www.scorepdx.org/brc.htm

Food & Drug Administration - www.fda.gov
Forest Service - www.fs.fed.us
General Services Admin. - www.gsa.gov
Indian Health Service - www.ihs.gov
Internal Revenue Service - www.irs.ustreas.gov
Nat'l Agricultural Statistics Service - www.nass.usda.gov/or
National Labor Relations Board - www.nlrb.gov
Natural Resources Conserv. Svc. - www.or.nrcs.usda.gov
Oregon Military Dept. - www.oregon.gov/OMD
Rural Development - www.rurdev.usda.gov
Social Security Administration - www.ssa.gov
Small Business Administration - www.sba.gov/or
Transportation Security Admin. - www.tsa.dot.gov/public
U.S. Office of Personnel Management - www.opm.gov
U.S. Postal Service - www.usps.gov
VA Medical Center - www.va.gov/portland

OFEB Staff

Ron Johnson, Executive Director:
rjohnson@pcez.com, 503-326-2060

Jeff Sargent, Management Analyst:
jsargent@pcez.com, 503-326-3030

Mary Ceciliani, Program Assistant:
mcecilia@pcez.com, 503-326-3010

1220 SW Third Ave., Suite 1776, Portland, Oregon 97204

Ph: 503-326-3010 Fax: 503-326-2070

www.oregon.feb.gov